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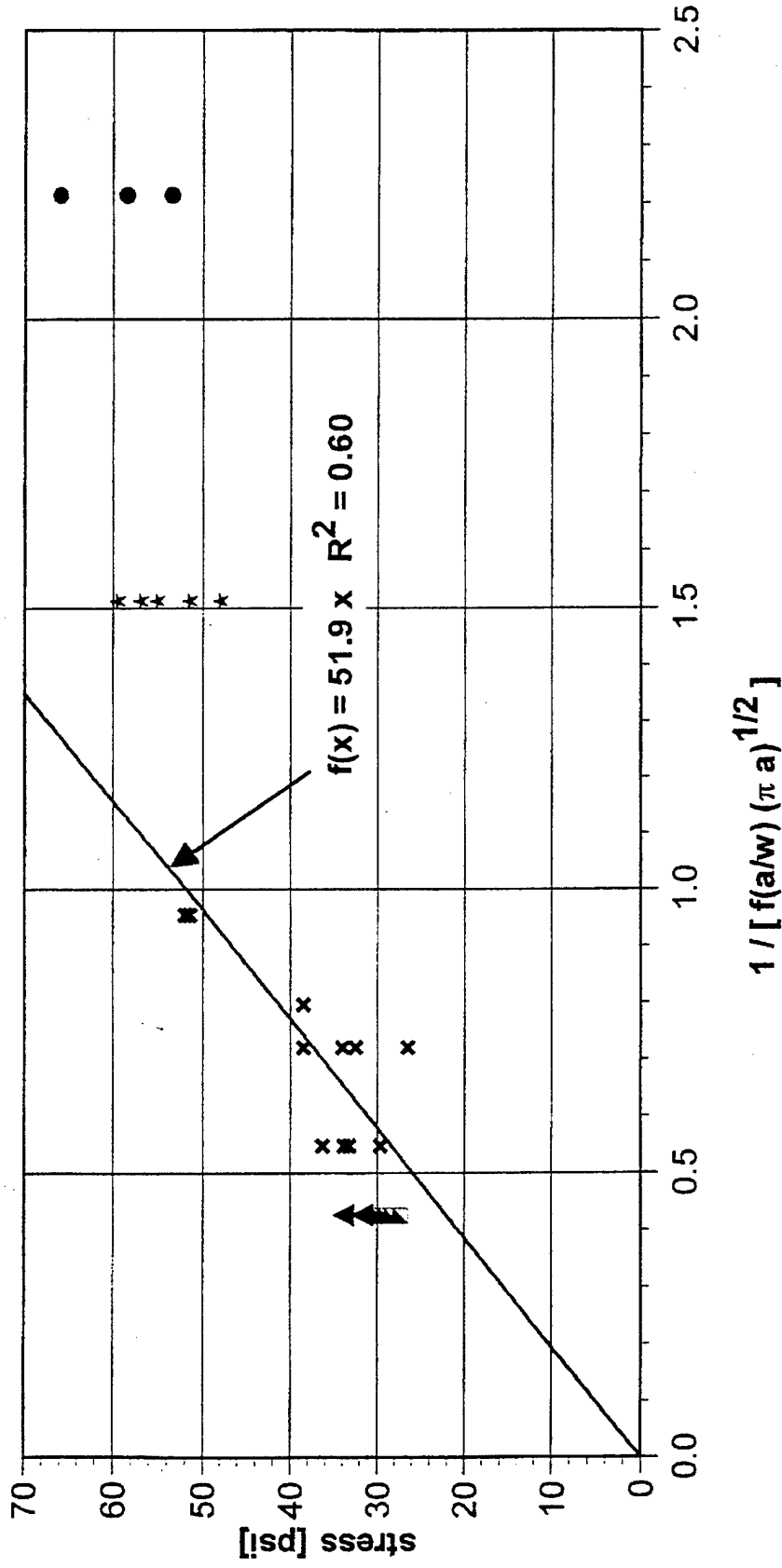
Objectives

- Investigate the Effects of Specimen Thickness and Initial Crack Length on the Crack Growth Behavior in a Particulate Composite Material.
- Specimen Thickness: 0.2 in., 0.5 in., 1.0 in., and 1.5 in.
- Initial Crack length: 0.1 in. and 0.3 in.



Determination of the Critical Initiation Stress Intensity Factor

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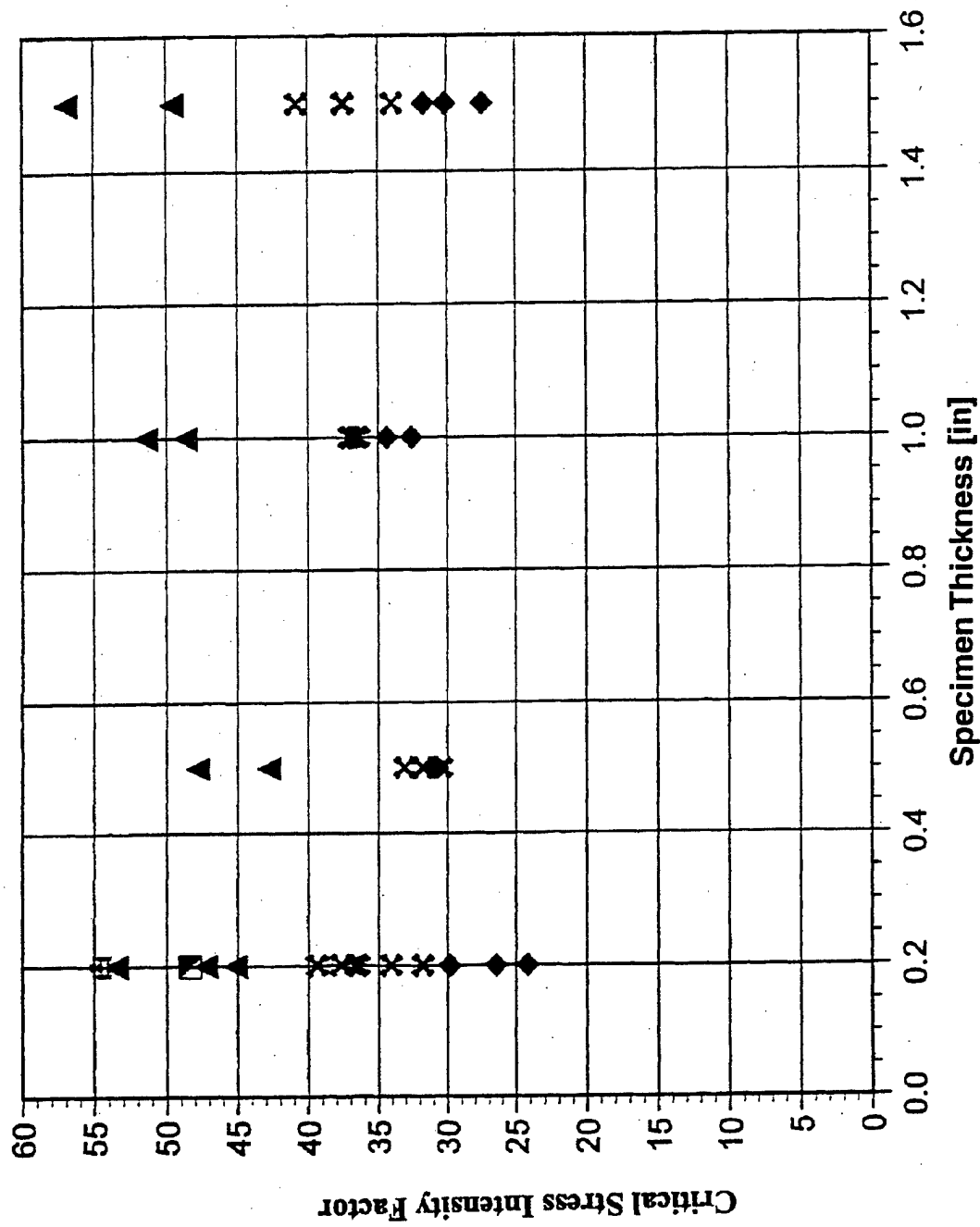


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Critical Initiation Stress Intensity Factor Vs. Specimen Thickness

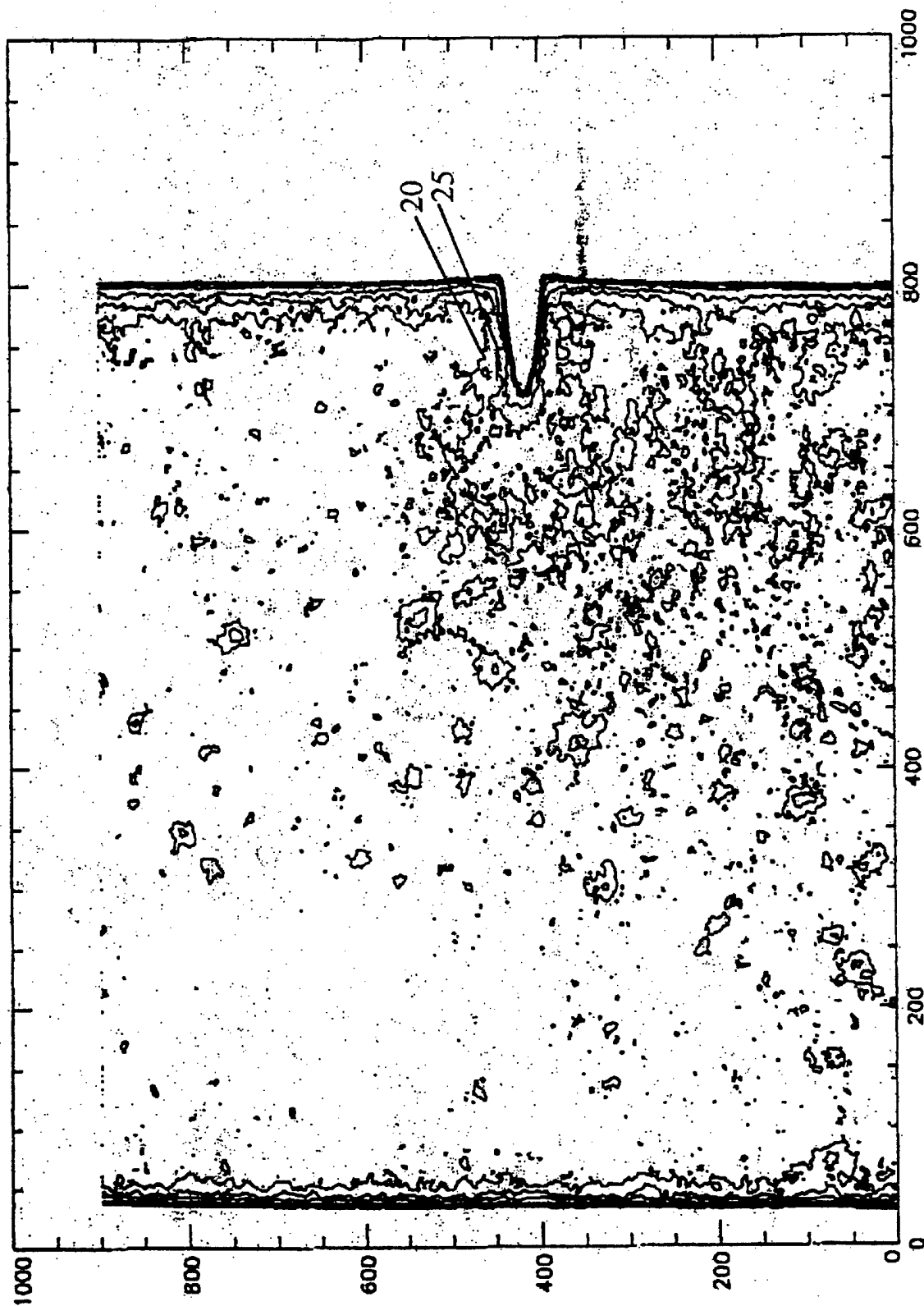
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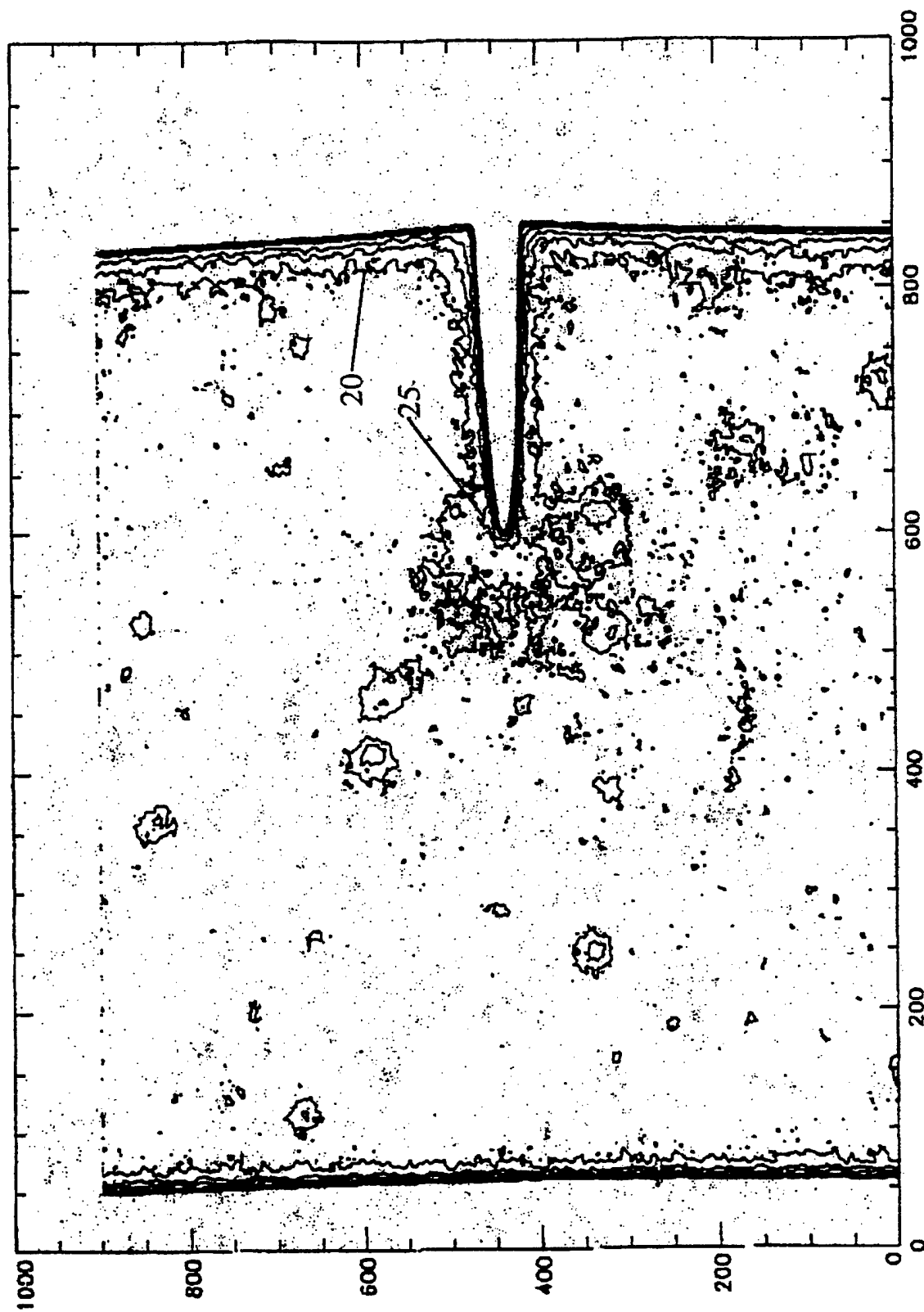
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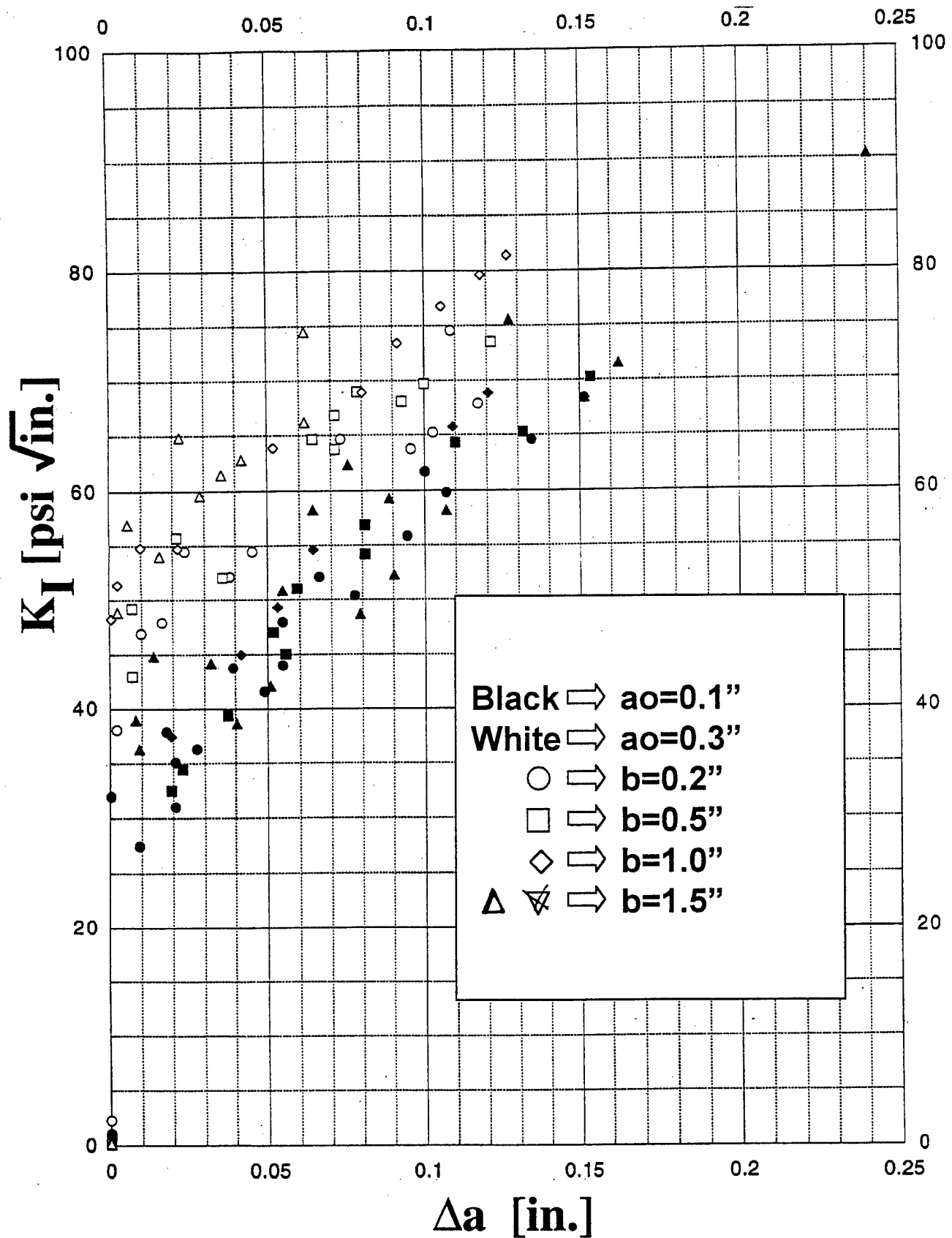
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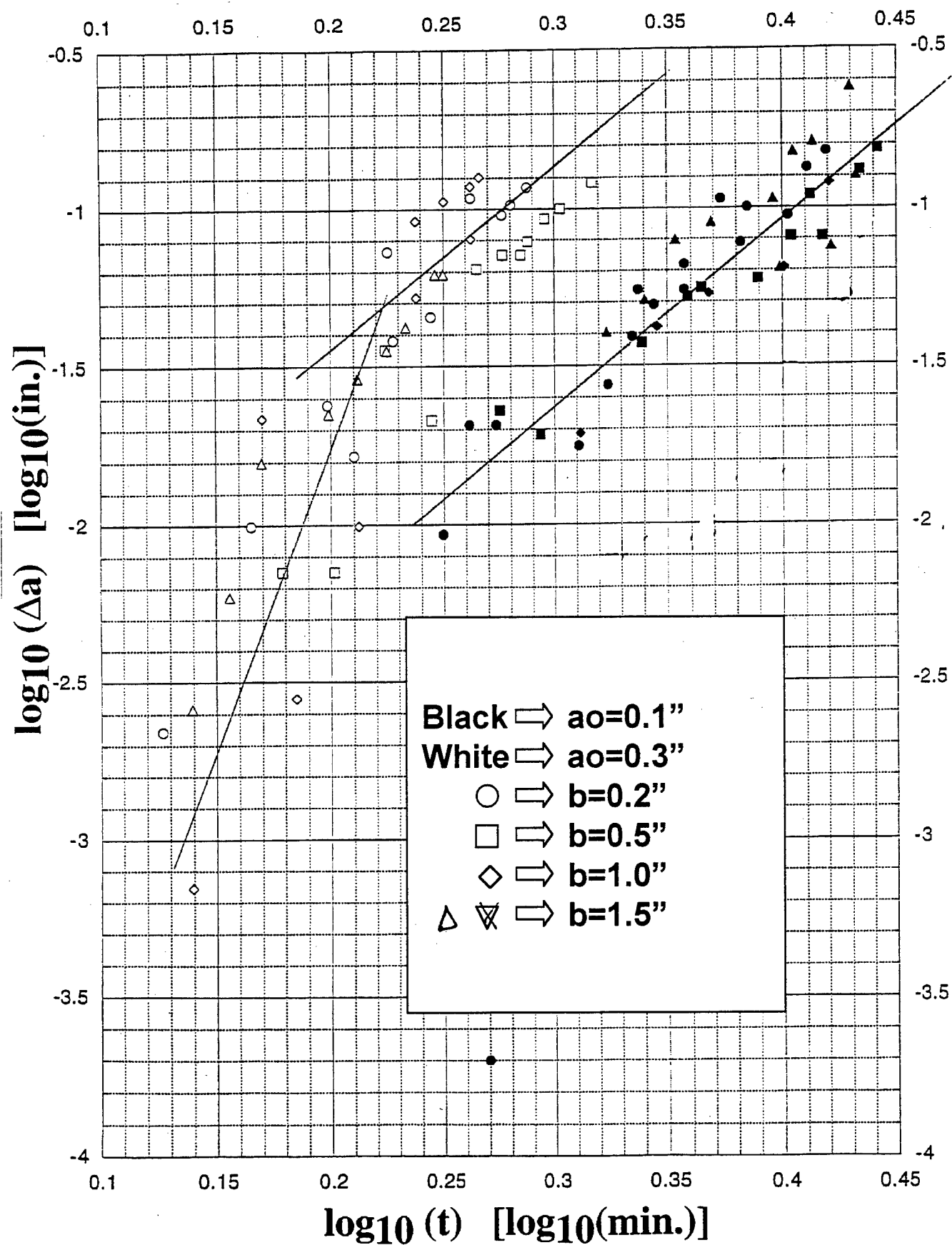
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Crack Growth Resistance Curves



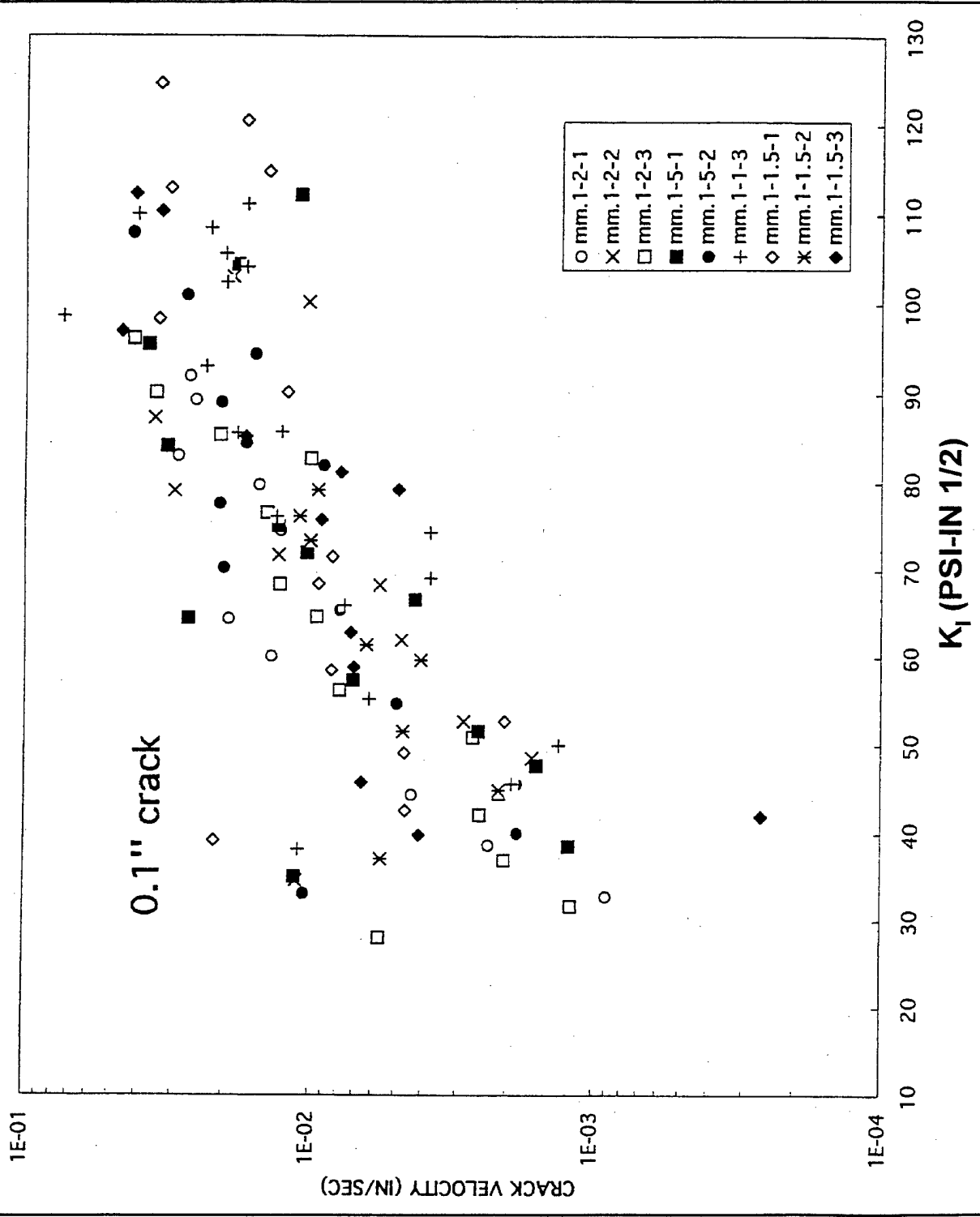
Crack Growth Curves





Crack Growth Rate Vs. Stress Intensity Factor

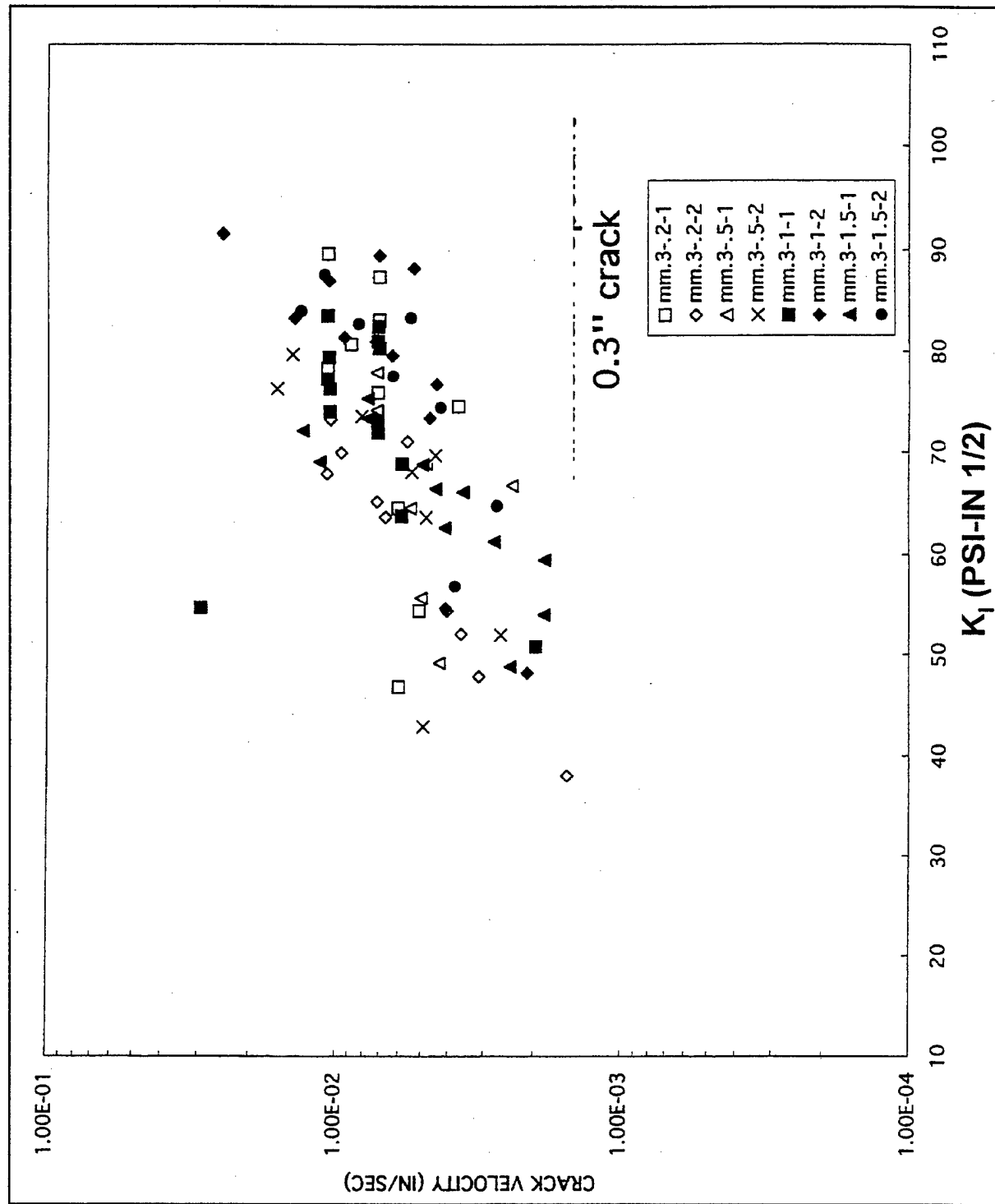
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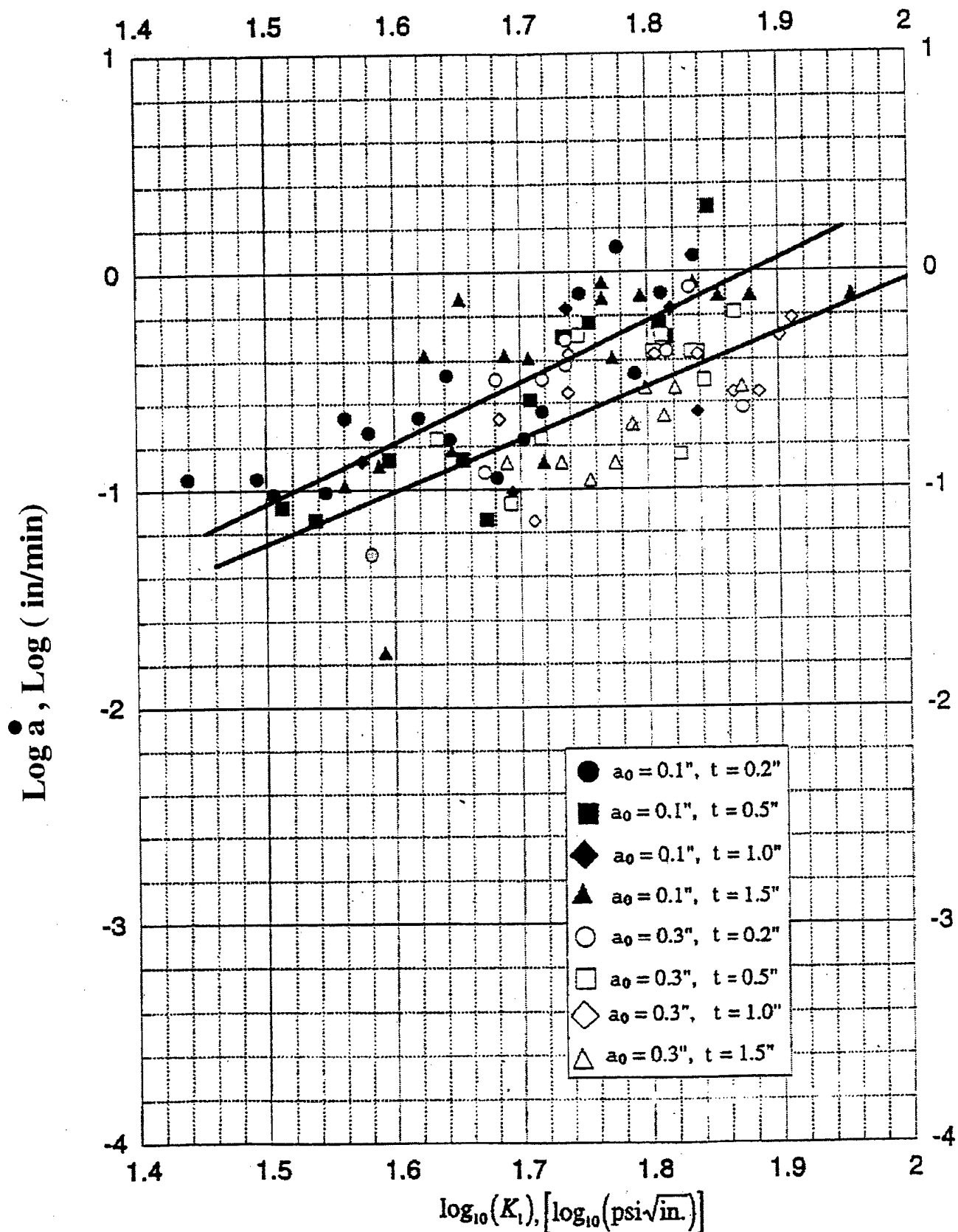


Crack Growth Rate Vs. Stress Intensity Factor

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Crack Growth Rate Vs. Mode I Stress Intensity Factor for Different Initial Crack Lengths and Specimen Thickness





Conclusions

- The Initiation Mode I Stress Intensity Factor K_{IC} and the Crack Growth Behavior Is Insensitive to the Specimen Thickness.
- Classical Linear Fracture Mechanics Can Not Be Used to Determine K_{IC} for Initial Crack Length Equal to or Less Than 0.1 Inches.
- Initial Crack Length Has No Significant Effect on the Crack Growth Behavior.
- There Is No Plan Strain Fracture Toughness of This Particulate Composite Material.